



## Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Department of Highways District 9

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### **More than 100 miles of new rumble strips coming to northeast Kentucky highways**

*Contractors installing safety measures now*

FLEMINGSBURG, Ky. – Ever veered off the road, or out of your lane? If so, you’ve probably heard, and felt, the distinctive noise of narrow ruts cut into the pavement.

These ruts, called rumble strips, help reduce roadway departure crashes, and are used by transportation agencies across the country.

Now, thanks to a \$206,000 contract awarded by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet this summer, more than 100 miles of new rumble strips are being installed along the centerlines or shoulders of highways in 12 northeastern counties.

In Kentucky Department of Highways District 9, motorists should watch for installation work at the following locations on state highways in Carter, Boyd, Greenup, Fleming, Bath and Mason counties:

- US 60 – from Fryer Hollow in Carter County to the Boyd County line at Coalton, and on through Boyd to the KY 180 intersection at Cannonsburg, for a total of 8.85 miles.
- Industrial Parkway (KY 67) in Carter, Boyd and Greenup counties – from I-64 to US 23 and KY 3105 at Wurtland, for a total of nearly 15 miles.
- KY 32 in Fleming County – from KY 11 at Flemingsburg to KY 1895 at the Rowan County line, for a total of 17.45 miles.
- KY 7 in Carter County – from KY 773 at Grayson to KY 1496 near Grayson Lake, for a total of 5.1 miles.
- KY 11 in Bath County – from the Montgomery County line to KY 1198 at Sharpsburg, for a total of 2.89 miles.

- KY 11 in Mason County – between KY 419 and KY 1448 near Maysville, for a total of 1.65 miles.

In Kentucky Department of Highways District 6, rumble strip installation is taking place on select roadways in Bracken, Carroll, Harrison, Kenton, Pendleton and Robertson counties.

Crews typically install rumble strips in half-mile work zones, with one-lane traffic controlled by flaggers. Motorists are asked to heed all warning signs, and remain aware of workers and construction equipment when traveling.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration, installation of rumble strips is an effective countermeasures for the prevention of roadway departure crashes.

The main cause of roadway departure crashes is driver drowsiness and inattention, which are sometimes compounded by driving too fast, the agency said. Alcohol and drugs can contribute to both fatigue and speed. Driver fatigue also can be induced by highway hypnosis, which occurs when the lines and stripes on long, monotonous stretches of highway reduce the driver's concentration.

When drivers stray from the travel lane, rumble strips rouse their attention to allow a safer recovery. Rumble strips also are helpful in alerting drivers to the lane limits where conditions such as rain, fog, snow or dust reduce driver visibility.

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